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Still Unimplemented

At a luncheon of the Canadian National Exhibition last week Hon. W. L. Hall, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, properly called attention to the fact that of the 29 findings of the Duncan Commission only 7 have been fully implemented; 12 have been partially implemented while on 10 no action whatever has been taken.

The Problem in India

The present situation in India is admittedly one of extreme gravity and complexity. Few in Canada realize the serious problem with which the British Government is confronted in the civic disorders resulting from the demands of Mahatma Gandhi and his followers as expressed in the latest news bulletin, published in The Guardian, for a complete national government for India, responsible only to the people of India, and the right to secede at any time from the British Empire.

constructive work. The only agreement they have any desire to reach is one solely and entirely framed by themselves. At the least it would be one according India full "Dominion status" immediately, at the worst it would mean the complete separation of India from the British Empire and all the welter of chaos and internecine strife that would involve for India herself and her many peoples.

Sane Tariff Legislation

An example of the manner in which the Bennett Government is tackling the problem of protection for Canadian producers is seen in an order-in-council, recently passed, to prevent the dumping in Canada of fir doors made in the United States. Under the terms of this order, a reasonable price is fixed on such doors for tariff purposes, the policy being to protect domestic manufacturers and to enable them to give more employment to Canadian workmen.

The Parliamentary Session

The special session of Parliament, now sitting at Ottawa, while it has been called primarily to consider the unemployment situation, may also be required to take positive steps for restoring to Canadian industries more of the home market for their products. The two subjects are inter-related, and may find, in part at least, a common solution.

Editorial Notes

The more the local Liberal organ is reminded of the approaching provincial election, the more it endeavours

Notes By The Way

There is always somebody or something to take the joy out of life and to add to human anxiety. A writer in the recent number of The Lancet, one of the leading medical journals in England, expresses the fear that the growing aerial navigation will bring some of the plague microbes and injurious bacteria that are now doing business in some of the worlds most unfortunate countries.

Cheering news comes from Berlin.

The Government has under consideration the installation of a silent telephone for the post office. This instrument is a combination of the telephone and the typewriter, and enables the party at either end, in the event of inability to make himself understood—or for any other reason that prompts him to communicate silently—to write his message instead of speaking it, or to write it as well as speak it.

We should like, says an exchange, to see even citrous fruits, which for climatic reasons are grown abroad, displaced on Canadian tables by our own equally delicate and delicious domestic fruits. Our apples, pears, peaches, plums, grapes and other home fruits are quite as appetizing and just as wholesome as grape fruit, oranges and Malaga grapes. In eating Canadian fruit we assist the Canadian farmer and fruit grower, who, in turn, have money to spend in our villages, towns and cities for the output of Canadian factories.

In answer to a question from a correspondent as to why so much news about India is published, the Ottawa Journal makes an answer which is applicable to many other countries of the Empire. Apart from interest which Canadians might be expected to take in a sister country of the Empire, there is the fact that India is one of Canada's best customers. As the journal points out:

"In 1929, for example, Canada took first place in export of automobile tires to India, shipping her 144,394 tires, as against 117,000 from the United Kingdom, 80,000 from the United States. Also Canada supplied India with most of her inner tubes.

"In exports of motor cars Canada increased her shipments by 3,168 cars over the previous year. Of 19,567 cars imported into India, Canada supplied 6,568 in 1929, or approximately one-third of the total. Canada is also the leading source of supply of motor buses to India having shipped 6,373 out of total imports numbering 12,790, buses.

Some of the importers of fruits and vegetables have protested vehemently against the order-in-council recently passed by the Bennett Government, making the "dumping clause" of the Customs Act applicable to the commodities in which they trade. On the other hand fruit and vegetable growers in all parts of Canada have warmly commended the Government's action, which accords them the kind of protection they had vainly been seeking for years.

The order-in-council passed by the Government empowers the Minister of National Revenue to fix the values, for customs purposes, on imports of natural products, of a class raised in this country, when such imports injuriously affect the business of Canadian producers.

ors to fix the attention of its readers on federal matters. But to the electors, if not to the Patriot, the federal election is over. The provincial contest, on the other hand, is just about to get under way, with some preliminary skirmishes in the shape of by-elections already over due.



By James W. Barton, M.D. NERVOUS SYMPTOMS

That Body of Yours

Some years ago I was asked to be medical referee for an accident insurance company, in a case that was somewhat puzzling.

A young woman in endeavoring to avoid an automobile had fallen to the pavement. The automobile did not strike her although the tires had passed over a coat she held over her arm.

There was not the slightest sign of injury to her body in any way, but she remained off from her work, week after week, and the insurance company got the idea that she was feigning illness, as they were notified that a suit for damages was forthcoming.

After making my examination, as there was no visible damage, and X-ray showed no injury to head or bones, the company were tempted to fight the case.

I suggested however that the scare, the fright, might easily upset the nervous system, and although they might win their case in the court there was just the chance also that they wouldn't.

I asked a nerve specialist to examine the case, and he gave it as his opinion that the shock had really upset the entire nervous system so that the patient was not sleeping or eating properly, and might continue this way for some time. The company settled the case in a manner satisfactory to the victim, and she recovered.

I know that it is often jokingly stated that a money settlement will immediately cure all these "accident" cases, but a court said recently "It is a fact, well within human experience, that suffering from disturbance of the nervous system may be, and often is, more intense and severe than almost any other form of suffering.

Now in all cases of accident, where there are nervous symptoms, or in cases of illness where the nervous system is upset even after the acute illness is past, real care must be given if these cases are to be brought back to normal health.

This does not mean trying to "buck" them up by telling them that there is nothing wrong with them. The best treatment is to be sympathetic, and explain that as the worst is over (accident or illness) that the nerves must now be built up and see that they get regular hours of sleep, good meals, some outdoors daily, and every day see that they try to do something for themselves.

If you try to work by the extremes, telling them that there is nothing wrong or being too sympathetic, you may do real damage to their nervous system.

The nerves need the same careful treatment as an ulcer of the stomach; a broken bone; the damage is just as real.

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THE SYRINGE AND THE NEEDLE

(London Saturday Review)

The morning letter-box of every doctor and the reticent shop-windows of the chemists in our aristocratic quarters alike afford evidence of the vogue enjoyed by vaccines, serums and other alleged antiseptic and immunizing substances. The ineffectiveness of most of these agents seems in no way to lessen the faith of the more credulous members of the public and of the medical profession. The relative success attending the use of anti-tetanus serum, anti-scarlet-fever serum, anti-pneumococcal serum (type 1) and, most striking of all, anti-diphtheria serum, shelters a multitude of plausibilities. So, also, with vaccines and antigens. When we have mentioned those effective in diphtheria, typhoid, rabies and smallpox, we have left on our hands a long list of products whose only claim to existence is commercial.

Therapeutic immunization against disease has not, in fact, progressed so rapidly as, at one time, seemed likely. Just as the discovery of the causative part played by living germs in a number of diseases led enthusiasts to anticipate that all human disorders would, sooner or later, be thus explained; so the startling results of certain immunizing inoculations induced before long, the immunologist with his syringe and needle would prove as potent a protector of the individual from pathologic dangers as the sanitarian had shown himself to be of the community.

During the war, anti-typhoid vaccine and antitetanus serum were extensively used. But we have not yet done much with such proved preventatives as diphtheria prophylactic, although over half a million children in America have thus been immunized. In the veterinary world immunization has been far more widely adopted. Hundreds of thousands of pigs are annually injected with swine-fever serum; and it is said that in Holland and California alone at least 500,000 fowls are vaccinated against avian diphtheria every year. Millions of animals, again are annually protected from rinderpest and rabies by the methods of the immunologist.

The scepticism of many hard-headed doctors is largely attributable to the regrettable exploitation of the vaccine theory, and to the marketing for commercial ends of every sort of vaccine and serum, many of which serve but as placebos. Whatever may be the nature of immunity, and whatever may be the chemical, physical or vitalistic explanation of its phenomena, there can be no doubt of its reality. That there are marked differences as between individuals and as between races in susceptibility to almost every disease—altogether apart from considerations of "general health"—has always been a matter of common observation. Then, again, it is well known that a patient recovering from any one of a number of febrile disorders—now recognized as associated with specific bacteria—is, for a period varying in length according to the disease, immune from further infection, even though repeatedly exposed to its possibility. Clearly, here is a condition in some strange way different from the conditions present in the same individual before the primary attack. He has, apparently, been rendered immune by his illness.

The extent to which relative immunity is attributable to accumulated stores of specific "antibodies" on the one hand, and to other factors transmissible by heredity on the other, remains undetermined. In either case, the survival of the more fully armed is a patent fact. Thus, to take a striking example, since the introduction of plague into Bombay in 1896, the rate of the city, at first stricken wholesale by the disease, have annually shown progressively lower susceptibility thereto. Experiments over a period of years show that a given dose of plague bacilli will today kill less than one-fifth the number of

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